Town Manager's Report Monday, December 2, 2013

To: Board of Selectmen

From Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

Following are some of the matters reported on this week by various Town Departments:

FIRE

Holiday Walk-throughs: CFD personnel will be conducting a holiday walk-through of retail/mercantile stores beginning this week. We realize the importance of this holiday season for our merchants and thus, as usual, the focus will be on a general walk-through that will minimize interference with business operations while ensuring appropriate decorations are utilized and that adequate egress is maintained, etc.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday November 25, Officer Mearn responded to a Peter Spring Road residence for a report of a past larceny of a snow plow. Officer Mearn learned that the plow had been taken sometime during the night. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

On Tuesday November 26, officers responded to several reports of motor vehicles that had been broken into during the night. Residents reported that the vehicles were entered by unknown subject(s) who smashed out a window and entered the vehicle to steal whatever they could locate inside. Computers, wallets, purses and other items were all reported stolen. Several leads are being followed up on.

The Department urges residents to keep their vehicle locked, and call if they hear or see anything or anyone acting suspicious, especially during the overnight hours.

On Tuesday November 26, officers assisted with a large power outage that affected a large portion of the Town. The problem was identified as an issue arising from a manhole cover that had blown off on Main Street near Route 2. Officers assisted with traffic related issues, as well as citizen concerns over the outage.

On Thursday November 28, Officer Capone responded to a motor vehicle crash in Monument Square. During the course of his investigation, Officer Capone determined that the operator was impaired due consumption of prescription medication at the time of the crash. Officer Capone placed the operator under arrest for operating under the influence of drugs. The subject was brought back to the station for processing.

Community Services: On Thursday November 28, Officers assisted with the 5th annual Concord Turkey Trot Road Race. Over 1,200 runners participated in the event, and no incidents were reported.

Also on Thursday, the annual Concord Carlisle versus Bedford High School football game took place. Officers assisted with this event which also took place without incident. Concord defeated Bedford to finish their season.

On Sunday November 30, officers assisted with the annual Holiday Parade in Concord Center. Monument Square was closed for a brief time for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. Despite the cold weather, a large crowd gathered, and no incidents were reported.